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Extent of damages by floods in Cocanada.

*730-D Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of streets in the City of Cocanada and its suburbs that suffered on account of the Yeleru floods during the recent rains;

(b) the number of houses that were washed and the number of those that collapsed; and

(c) the extent of damage caused to goods and timber stocked in factories and warehouses?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) The Government have not the details asked for. The Collector has been asked to report them if he has collected such information or to report such estimates as it is practicable to make.

Widening of the Yeleru bridge at Cocanada.

*730-E Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether, with reference to the answer given to question No. 1406 answered on 25th January 1928, the Government are considering any scheme for the effective drainage of water; and

(b) whether, in view of the immense inundation experienced this year, the Government will take steps to concert measures sufficient not only to drain away the water in normal times but also to drain away the large quantity of inundation water during the period of north-east monsoon which has to pass along Yeleru every year?

A.—(a) No such scheme has so far been devised.

(b) So far it has not been found practicable to devise measures as suggested. The question will be again investigated in connexion with the recent floods but the prospects of finding a workable plan are not bright.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU:—"I take it, Sir, that the answer to clause (b) of the question is that a scheme will be considered to drain the water?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"We have directed the matter to be investigated, Sir."

Extent of damages by floods in the East Godavari district.

*730 F Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of damages caused by the recent rains in the East Godavari district;

(b) the number of families that have been rendered homeless;

(c) the value of the various crops that have been submerged in the flood;

(d) the action taken by the Government to give relief to the sufferers; and

(e) the amount that the Government propose to spend thereon?

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A.—(*a*), (*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the report [a] of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, and the Government orders [a] on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The number of houses that have fallen is about 4,459. The Government have no information as to the number of families that have been rendered homeless.

Damages by floods in the Vizagapatam and East Godavari districts.

* 730-G *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the extent of the damage caused by the recent floods in the Vizagapatam and Godavari districts to the people especially the agriculturists ;

(*b*) the extent and nature of the help given by the State so far to relieve the consequent distress ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to institute an inquiry into the causes of these disasters by flood and ascertain how far they are preventable, and if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the reports [a] and the Government orders[a] on the subject which have been placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) So far as the information received by the Government goes, the floods and the consequent damage were the direct result of abnormally heavy rain. The Government therefore at present do not see that any useful result can be expected from an enquiry such as that suggested.

Relief to the people affected by floods in the East Godavari district.

* 730-H *Q.*—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in connexion with the devastation caused by rains and inundation in the East Godavari district—

(*a*) what steps the Government have decided to take to give relief to

(i) people who are rendered homeless on account of the houses being washed away or collapsing,

(ii) people whose cattle are washed away,

(iii) people who suffered by reason of the crops being washed away or otherwise devastated, and

(iv) people whose goods and merchandise were washed away, submerged or otherwise deteriorated ;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take up any works already sanctioned as famine-relief works and thereby give relief to the working classes ; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to sanction a special grant for relief in the distressed area ?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the report [a] of the Collector of East Godavari, dated 9th November 1928, and the Government orders [a] on the subject that have been placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Laid on the table on the 26th November 1928.